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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Hoan Tran
Akiyoshi FUJITA, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/668,532)	
	:	Notice of Allowance: May 5, 2005
Filed: September 24, 2003)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2094
For: DEVELOPER SUPPLY CONTAINER)	
AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC	:	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	July 5, 2005

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Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

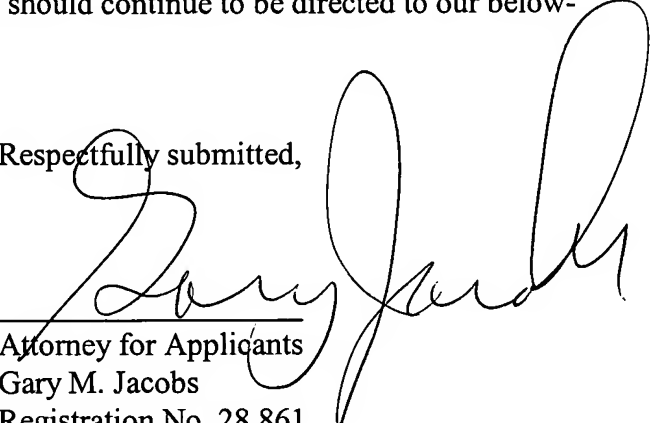
Sir:

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states that none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests "a developer supply container for supplying a developer to a process cartridge, said developer supply container comprising an elastic receiving portion configured and positioned to receive an elastic force provided by an elastic member which is provided in the main assembly of the image forming apparatus; wherein said elastic receiving portion being provided on top surface of the container for receiving a downward force when the container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus."

But independent Claim 13 does not recite such an elastic receiving portion. Nevertheless, Claim 13 is allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

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